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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68741

Hiroyuki WATANABE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/086,432

Group Art Unit: 2652

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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Applicant hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of original claims 13-15 and allow the new claims 20-25, over the Sano reference, for the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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